

## SENATE BILL No. 227

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2; IC 16-41-25-4; IC 16-41-25.5.

**Synopsis:** Residential sewage disposal system fund. Establishes the residential sewage disposal system fund for the purpose of providing grants to local health departments for educational efforts designed to improve the sanitation and safety of residential sewage disposal systems. Directs the budget agency to administer the fund and to adopt procedures for awarding of grants.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-40.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 40.5. "Budget committee", for**  
4 **purposes of IC 16-41-25.5, has the meaning set forth in IC 4-12-1-3.**  
5 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-317.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: **Sec. 317.5. "Residential sewage**  
8 **disposal system", for purposes of IC 16-41-25.5, has the meaning**  
9 **set forth in IC 16-41-25.5-2.**  
10 SECTION 3. IC 16-41-25-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
11 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
12 1, 2001]: **Sec. 4. A local health department may apply for a grant**  
13 **from the residential sewage disposal system fund established under**  
14 **IC 16-41-25.5 to pay the costs of:**  
15 **(1) educational programs designed to inform the public about**  
16 **the health, sanitation, and safety concerns associated with**  
17 **residential septic systems;**



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(2) the preparation of informational materials concerning the proper installation, use, and maintenance of residential septic systems;

(3) continuing education opportunities for local health departments to aid them in effectively monitoring and regulating residential septic systems; and

(4) the preparation of surveys of residential sewage disposal systems, including the collection of information regarding the condition of the systems.

SECTION 4. IC 16-41-25.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

**Chapter 25.5. Residential Sewage Disposal System Fund**

**Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "budget committee" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-12-1-3.

**Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "residential sewage disposal system" has the meaning set forth in 410 IAC 6-8.1-17, as in effect March 1, 2001.

**Sec. 3. (a)** The residential sewage disposal system fund is established for to provide grants to local health departments for educational efforts designed to improve the sanitation and safety of residential sewage disposal systems. The budget agency shall administer the fund.

**(b)** The fund consists of the following:

**(1)** Appropriations made by the general assembly.

**(2)** Grants and gifts intended for deposit in the fund.

**(3)** Interest, premiums, gains, and other earnings on the fund.

**(c)** The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

**(d)** The budget agency shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds are invested. Interest, premiums, gains, and other earnings from the investments shall be credited to the fund.

**(e)** Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

**Sec. 4. (a)** In administering the fund, the budget agency shall establish a written procedure for making grants to local departments for purposes described in section 3 of this chapter.

**(b)** The procedures established under subsection (a) must include at least procedures for the following:

**(1)** Identification of activities that qualify for funding.

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(2) Selection of local health departments to be awarded grants.

(3) Determination of the amount of funding each local health department may receive.

(4) Reporting to the budget committee the:

(A) results of the selection process; and

(B) status of local health department activities.

(c) The budget agency may seek technical assistance from the state department of health and any other appropriate state agency in determining eligibility for funding under this chapter.

(d) The budget agency shall annually present a report to the budget committee that describes the activities funded under this chapter.

Sec. 5. A grant under this chapter may be used to pay for the costs of:

(1) educational programs designed to inform the public about the health, sanitation, and safety concerns associated with the residential sewage disposal systems;

(2) the preparation of informational materials concerning the proper installation, use, and maintenance of residential sewage disposal systems;

(3) continuing education opportunities for local health departments to aid them in effectively monitoring and regulating residential sewage disposal systems; and

(4) the preparation of surveys of existing residential sewage disposal systems, including the collection of information regarding the condition of the systems.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The budget agency shall adopt procedures before July 1, 2001, to implement IC 16-41-25.5, as added by this act.

(b) This SECTION expires July 2, 2001.

SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.

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